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**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION DELIVERY
CARES ACT FUNDING SECOND NOTICE FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT
NOTICE DATE: May 15, 2020**

On Friday, March 27, 2020, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The CARES Act provides emergency assistance and health care response for individuals, families and businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and provide emergency appropriations to support Executive Branch agency operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARES Act provides \$25 billion to transit agencies nationwide to help prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total available amount for each program is based on funding appropriated under the Act. Rural Kentucky Transit is being provided over \$58 Million in 5311 funding, which also includes intercity funds, and over \$1.7 Million in Appalachian 5311 funding.

Funding will be provided at a 100% Federal Share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Operating expenses are eligible, including expenses to maintain transit services as well as paying for administrative leave for transit personnel due to reduced operations during an emergency.

We have been encouraged, by the Federal Transit Administration, to use these funds expeditiously and to get funds out to transit providers who need them quickly during Kentucky's State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is our goal to provide current Section 5311 subrecipients for SFY2020, and/or applicant's for SFY2021 Section 5311 funds, with Section 5311 funds under the CARES Act (at 100% federal share).

After the first Notification of Funding was announced, we awarded a total of \$22,894,101 to 19 rural Kentucky transit agencies statewide to cover Operating/Administrative and Intercity Operating/Administrative expenses through September 30, 2020. All Appalachian funds have been awarded. This leaves a total balance of \$37,678,355.

At this time, we are accepting requests for Regular Capital and Intercity Capital funds. We also will accept requests for Operating and/or Intercity Operating funds, for the period of February 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, from Agencies that haven't previously requested them or from Agencies that, in the rare case, did not request adequate funding to cover expenses. As the funding is 100% Federal Share, any Administrative expenses should be included with Operating requests. There will not be separate Administrative Budgets.

In the future, possibly this summer or during the fall, we may issue a third or fourth Notice of Funding, depending on how much funding is needed with the first two Applications.

Please keep in mind that, even though we will apply for this funding from FTA as quickly as possible, we are unsure exactly how long it will take for the funds to actually be available as we still have to receive federal approval. Thank you for your patience as we navigate access to this new funding.

Please submit your request for Section 5311 funds, provided through the CARES Act, by Friday, May 29, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact your Project Manager, Tabitha Martin (Administrative Branch Manager), or Eric Perez (Acting Executive Director) at (502)564-7433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Perez', is written over a horizontal blue line.

[Eric Perez \(May 15, 2020\)](#)

Eric Perez
Acting Executive Director
Office of Transportation Delivery

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